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September 2009

Colorado QSO Party!

1200Z September 5—0400Z September 6, 2009

Join other stations on the air *Saturday, September 5th* and work to contact hams in Colorado's 64 counties! Operate CW, Phone, Digital, or any combination on all HF contesting bands, VHF, and UHF. Mark your calendars now and join us on the air in September!

Details at:

www.ppraa.org/coqp

- Rules
- Logging Software
- Award Categories
- County Activation Plans
- Latest News



<http://ppraa.org/coqp/index.php>

COLORADO'S CONTEST!

Are you ready?

August Ham Breakfast

September 5th
Country Buffet
(Citadel Crossing)
8:00 am - 9:30 am

September Club Meeting

The club meeting will be on September 9th (second Wednesday in September), at 7 pm at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

PPRAA Officers

President	Doug Nielsen	N7LEM
Vice President	Dave Moore	KØDAM
Secretary	John Wishart	KCØJFH
Treasurer	Dennis Rosas	ACØIV
Board	Dan Scott	WØRO
Board	Dennis Major	NØABC
Board	Tom Brereton	WØTOM
Board	Galen Steele	AGØA
Ø-Beat Editor	Mike Anderson	WV7T

All officers can be contacted at:
boardmembers@ppraa.org

Technical Education



Mike Anderson, WV7T
wv7t@arrrl.net
719-229-8610

License and code tutoring. Electronic theory.

Need help getting your ticket or upgrading, give Mike a call.

Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday Event

The Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday honoring the 140th anniversary of the birth of Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. He was born September 2, 1869 and died February 17, 1936.

The operating event is open to all amateurs, and the goal is straightforward: Find the stations adding /140 to their call signs, and contact as many as possible during the event period, September 2-9. Who is eligible to sign /140? ARRL members who hold ARRL appointments, ARRL elected volunteers (such as ARRL Directors and Section Managers), ARRL Life Members, ARRL Headquarters staff and VEs, AECs, QSL bureau workers and awards managers (who are ARRL members). The complete list of eligible positions can be found on page 20 of the September 2009 issue of QST. If you work at least 25 /140 stations, an attractive certificate can be yours! The certificate can be endorsed in increments of 25 QSOs, up to 100.

Time Period: 0000 UTC September 2 until 2400 UTC September 9.

Exchange: All stations signing /140 send RS(T), their appointment and their name; others send RS(T) and their name.

Eligibility: All amateur stations may participate. ARRL Life Members, and those persons holding ARRL appointments, elected positions or ARRL HQ staff, may add /140 to their call signs for the duration of the celebration. Volunteer Examiners, Assistant Emergency Coordinators, QSL Bureau workers, Registered Instructors and Awards Managers who are ARRL members are also invited to participate.

Miscellaneous: /140 stations may be contacted on any band or mode for credit. You can work a station once per band and mode. Repeater contacts are valid for credit, but please be considerate of the users during a repeater's busy periods. All /140 stations are encouraged to be as active as possible on local repeaters and nets. The certificate is available for making at least 25 contacts with /140 stations, with endorsement increments of 25, and a maximum endorsement of 100. To receive the award, send in a log extract with the date, time, band, call sign worked and exchange for each /140 contact. Include your name, call sign and address, and tell us how many /140 stations you worked. Mail everything to HPM/140 Celebration, c/o W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111-1494. You can also send in your entry on a disk or CD in regular text format. All entries must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$5 (US) payable to ARRL. Please make sure your entry is postmarked by October 9, 2009.

JEWISH WEDDING

Mike and Rhoda Anderson

WV7T - KB2BZY

August 9th 2009

30th anniversary August 14th 2009-08-2009





MARC SEPTEMBER VE SESSION

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 10 am on Saturday, September 5th, in the Community Meeting Room of the Woodland Park Library, 218 East Midland Avenue. The MARC VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the Woodland Park Library, is available under "VE Sessions" on the MARC website at <http://www.nx0g.org/ve.html> or contact Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) at k0hzbz@arrl.net or call (719) 687-8758.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

1. A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required – this includes children).
3. Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
4. The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
5. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15 (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to MARC and cover all different exams you wish to take at the VE session.

MARC VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

For already licensed hams, MARC members should be monitoring the MARC repeater system 146.820- or 448.650- (both 107.2 Hz) if you need help with talk-in.

73 Wes KØHBZ
MARC VE Team

Thursday Evening Net

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near 28.400 USB.

The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a surprise to new old old-timers alike, we has all come away with a better understanding of our radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line, ...etc.

This is a perfect net for an introduction to HF and/or SSB too. The net is informal, just jump in with your call and net control will get you on the list. One thing that is (almost) always is giving a description of you rig, antenna system and approximate location.

Technicians remain operating SSB as do other class operators with SSB only radios.

If you are restricted to SSB do not let that bother you as we take that into account even as we jump between modes (AM, FM, DSB, LSB).

Hope to hear you Thursdays on the net!

73, WØRO

PPRAA Club Meeting

12 August 2009

President Doug Neilsen N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at Panera Bread, followed by introductions around the room.

Silent Keys: None.

Minutes: Dennnis/Mike moved/seconded that the July meeting minutes be approved as published in the Zero Beat with a correction. Correction: Picnic is Aug 22, not Aug 2. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Rosas ACØIV reported that we had a \$13,254.76 total balance in our three accounts as of 12 August 2009.

Committee Reports

MegaFest 2009 – We need a new chairman (with Rob's help) for next year.

Picnic - August 22, 9AM - 3PM at Bear Creek Regional Park, Pavilion #8, on 21st Street in CS. Bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Doug (president@ppraa.org) if you are coming so we know how much food to buy. There will be a tailgate swap meet starting at 9AM.

Colorado QSO Party – Doug N7LEM still needs some help with this year's event. It will be the first weekend in September, the 5th-6th, 2009. Contact Doug if you can help. Also, your participation in this event is welcomed! Get on the air! See our website for the rules and logging forms.

Ft Carson Fiesta Day

We will have a ham radio tent with table display for this event on September 19, 11AM-4PM, with setup starting at 8AM. Contact Doug if you can assist on this. We still need some more operators for this.

Tech Ed

Mike WV7T has training materials for Tech license exam and can also provide some limited individual tutoring.

Thursday Night Net - Every Thursday night, 7PM, Doc's Glow Net on 28.4 MHz USB. See www.ppraa.org for details. Modes are changed during the evening for experimentation purposes. AM, FM, and sideband modes are used.

Scout-A-Rama

We would like to have a booth/display/station at this 100th Anniversary Jamboree event to be held October 9-10, 2010, at the Phil Long Event Center.

Programs

1. Egypt – An Overview, a travelogue by Dick Harwood
2. Ham Radio Contesting & the CO QSO Party, by Ken Anderson WØETT

Next Club Meeting: The next regular club meeting will be the second Monday, 7 PM, 9 September 2009, at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

Next Board Meeting: 7 PM, Monday following club meeting, 14 September 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation, 4110 Tutt Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
24 August 2009

PPRAA Board Meeting

17 August 2009

Attendees: John KCØJFH, Dennis ACØIV, Galen AGØA, Dan WØRO, Dennis NØABC

Treasurer Dennis ACØIV called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Minutes – Dan/Dennis moved/seconded that the July board meeting minutes be approved as printed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis ACØIV provided a report that we have \$13254.76 total in our accounts as of 17 August 2009.

Committee Reports

Megafest 2009

No report.

Picnic

Bear Creek Regional Park, Pavilion #8 on August 22, 9AM to 3PM. This is off 8th St. Tailgate swap meet starts at 9AM.

COQP

No report, but date is September 5.

Unfinished Business

CO Worked All Counties Award

No report.

Fiesta Day at Ft. Carson Event

No report.

Scout Event

No report.

Elections

Club officer elections are coming up in October. If you are interested in a club officer or board member position, contact Doug or other officer or board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next PPRAA Board meeting: 7PM, Monday, 14 September 2009, at the Stetson Hills Division Police Substation on Tutt Blvd.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
24 August 2009

Dits and Bits

For Sale or Wanted

For sale:

1) Yaseu FT-980, matching speaker SP-980, desk mic MD-1 Asking \$850.00

2) Motorola BC-120 commercial 2m capable HT. \$100.00

3) Siltronix 500 watt 10m rig, no mic. \$125.00

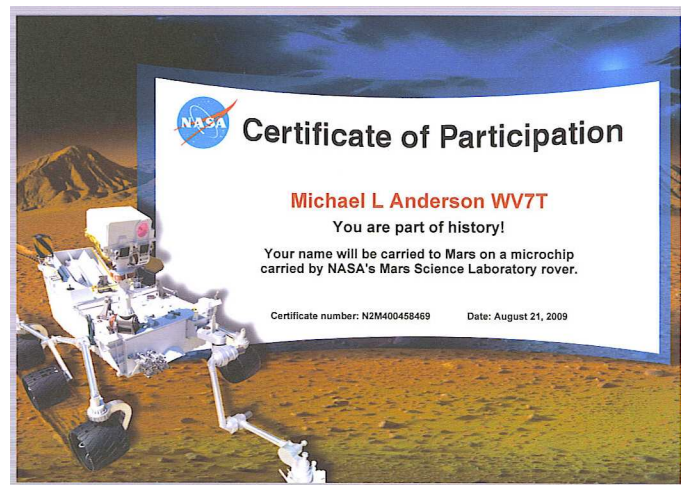
4) Unknown make 2m HT, box, mic, software \$120.00

Harland WØYP

For Sale: Icom 740 HF and matching speaker \$130.00 obo.

Contact: Mike Dassero N0mud at N0mud@arrl.net or 719-597-1906 The radio works, I've talked locally on ten meters.

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to wv7t@arrl.net and see it in Dits and Bits.



This certificate is available from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NONPROFIT STATUS

The PPRAA is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and welcomes all contributions. Your contributions or donations may be tax-deductible.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page and fill out all the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at www.ppraa.org.

Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc. P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521											
Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Call: _____ Class: N T + G A E Phone: _____ Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Email: _____	In which activities would you like to participate? Field Day <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/> Nets or round tables <input type="checkbox"/> Organize activities <input type="checkbox"/> Teach ham classes <input type="checkbox"/>										
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<i>The O-Beat</i> monthly club newsletter is available at WWW.PPRAA.ORG .											
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New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. <b style="text-align: center;">Please Type or Print Clearly!											

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